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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE BY U.S. FIRM GARDNER-DENVER

1. RAYMOND KLOUYTTEN, ZAIRE REP OF U.S. FIRM GARDNER-DENVER, CALLED AT CONSULATE AUGUST 25 TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN PROBLEM HIS COMPANY HAS WITH THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE.

2. WHEN GARDNER-DENVER OPENED ITS ZAIRIAN BRANCH OFFICE IN LUBUMBASHI IN 1975, IT WAS REQUIRED BY ZAIRIAN LAW (ORDONNANCE-LOI 73-292 OF SEPTEMBER 26, 1973) TO DEPOSIT FIFTY THOUSAND US DOLLARS (AT THAT TIME 25,000 ZAIRES) IN A BLOCKED ACCOUNT (ACCOUNT NO. 2330/C/90468/310 AT THE UNION ZAIROISE DE BANQUEST (UZB)), WHICH IT DID ON FEBRUARY 15, 1975.

3. ON JANUARY 19, 1978, THE GARDNER-DENVER BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN DALLAS DECIDED TO CLOSE ITS BRANCH IN ZAIRE AND HENCEFORTH WORK THROUGH A LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR, AFRIMA, INSTEAD OF SELLING DIRECTLY ITSELF. (KLOUYTTEN NOTED THAT DECISION WAS TAKEN WELL BEFORE SHABA II INVASION IN MAY AND WAS UNRELATED TO IT.)

4. GARDNER-DENVER IS NOW TRYING TO GET ITS \$50,000  
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BACK. UZB SAYS IT WILL HAND OVER IF IT RECEIVES A LETTER FROM THE STATE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMERCE GIVING UZB PERMISSION TO UNBLOCK GARDNER-DENVER ACCOUNT. KLOUYTTEN SAYS THAT MATTER IS URGENT SINCE ON SEPTEMBER 30, UZB WILL LOSE ABILITY TO RELEASE FOREIGN EXCHANGE ON BASIS OF PERMISSION FROM MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AS THAT RESPONSIBILITY AT THAT POINT WILL PASS FROM PRI-

VATE BANKS TO THE CENTRAL BANK EXCLUSIVELY.

5. GARDNER-DENVER THUS REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING PERMISSION FROM COMMERCE MINISTRY IN FORM OF A LETTER TO BCZ AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF \$50,000 IN THE BLOCKED ACCOUNT. KLOUYTTEN HAS WRITTEN TO COMMERCE MINISTRY BUT HAS RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO DATE. COMMERCE LETTER SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO BCZ KINSHASA FOREIGN EXCHANGE MANAGER (FNU) LAUDIN.

6. CONSULATE POUCHING EMBASSY PHOTOCOPY OF CERTIFIED COPY OF GARDNER-DENVER BOARD RESOLUTION OF JANUARY 19, 1978, ATTESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT APRIL 17, 1978, AND COPY OF ATTESTATION BY UZB THAT \$50,000 WAS TRANSFERRED TO UZB BY CHASE MANHATTAN FEBRUARY 15, 1975.

7. REQUEST INTERIM RESPONSE FROM EMBASSY BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 SINCE KLOUYTTEN PLANS DEPART LUBUMBASHI FOR DAKAR SEPTEMBER 2.  
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